GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM AND CULTURE
LOK SABHA

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ABOLITION OF AIR TRAVEL TAX
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Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to abolish inland air travel tax to attract tourists in the country;

(b) if so, the steps initiated in this direction so far; and

(c) the time by which the tax is likely to be abolished?

Answer

MINISTER OF TOURISM & CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN)

(a), (b) & (c): The matter of waiving IATT for all regions in the country has been taken up with the Ministry of Finance.

The Ministry of Finance vide notifications dated 2nd May, 2000 has provided Inland Air Travel Tax (IATT) exemption for travel within the North-Eastern region comprising of the States of Assasm, Arunachal Pradesh, Meghalaya, Manipur, Mizoram, Nagaland and Tripura. The Ministry of Finance vide further notification dated 1st March, 2002 has enlarged the scope of exemption to cover all travels to, from and within the North-Eastern region.